

CAMP ANGELL BARRACKS  
(Building No. 1381)  
Angell Job Corps Center  
Highway 101  
Waldport Vicinity  
Lincoln County  
Oregon

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# HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY

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Location: Angell Job Corps Center  
Lincoln County  
Four miles South of Waldport on HWY 101  
Waldport, Oregon

Present Owner: United States Forest Service  
Siuslaw National Forest  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
4077 S.W. Research Way  
Corvallis, Oregon 97339

Present Occupant: Angell Job Corps

Present Use: Building will be moved to Waldport, Oregon (about  
October 1988) for use as a historical museum.

Statement of  
Significance: Camp Angell was slated as the new headquarters for  
Company 5436 of the Civilian Conservation Corps and was  
constructed, including building No. 1381, in 1941.  
With the start of WW II the CCC closed the camp. In  
1942 the camp was opened by the National Board for  
Religious Objectors and the Selective Service System as  
the home of Public Service Camp No. 56. Enrollees  
worked at a wide range of conservation projects while  
being active in the national peace movement. With the  
end of WW II, the camp was closed.  
The buildings were later used by the Forest Service as  
offices and from 1965 to present the Angell Job Corps  
Center has occupied the site.  
This building is the sole surviving structure of both  
the Angell CCC Camp and Public Service Camp No. 56.  
Building No. 1381 is a barracks which measures 81' long  
by 20' 6" wide. The structure is one story, wood frame  
construction with a gabled roof and three entries. The  
building remains essentially intact and is in good  
condition.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: The building was constructed in 1941. It was to replace the building at the original Civil Conservation Corps(CCC) camp at Cape Creek.
2. Architect: Unknown. This is a standard building design used by the CCC.
3. Original and subsequent owners: This building from its construction date has been United States government property.
4. Builder, contractor, supplier: Enrollees of the CCC camp at Cape Creek constructed Building No 1381.
5. Original plans and construction: Same as No. 2 and 4.
6. Alterations and additions: The building's original six inch, cedar siding has been covered with lapped shakes. All windows have been screened with heavy wire mesh. The original lean-to porches have been removed and an enclosed porch measuring 8' x 8' was constructed on the south end. The north end has no porch but retains a door centered in the wall. A covered porch is located on the east elevation. In the interior, the showers were removed and the toilets and sink reduced to two each. Also added in the south end were a small kitchen-dining room, a darkroom and storage room. A small closet houses a waterheater in the middle of the west side of the building. Dates of these changes are not known.

B. Historical Context

Camp Angell was slated as the new headquarters for Company 5436 of the Civilian Conservation Corps, replacing the camp which had been at Cape Creek. This new camp, which included six new buildings, was under construction in 1941. The CCC with 137 new recruits moved in November of 1941, but left shortly after with the start of World War II in December.

During war time there are always those that, for religious reasons prefer not to enter combat. The National Board for Religious Objectors (NSBRO) and the Selection Service System set up camps of which one was No 56 at Waldport, Oregon. In October 1942 the first group of conscientious objectors (CO) arrived at Camp Angell to begin the task of finishing the camp buildings and grounds. While at this camp the enrollee worked a wide range of Forest Service projects including fire fighting, tree planting, road maintenance and erosion

control. Many of the CO were active in the peace movement and did extensive writing, which earned them the title of the "Arts Camp". With the close of WWII, the camp was closed. The buildings were later used by the Forest Service as offices and in 1965 the Angell Job Corps Center was established here and has remained on this site. See Stephen Beckham's Report No. 3 on Building No. 1381 for detailed information on the history of this building.

## PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

### A. General Statement

Building No. 1381 is a barracks which measures 81' long by 20' 6" wide. It has wood frame construction with an open foundation. The structure is one story, gable roof with three entries. Originally this building consisted of two large bunk rooms and a central area for showers, sink, and toilets. Although the building has had both exterior and interior modification, the building remains essentially intact and is in good condition.

### B. Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: 81' x 20' 6"
2. Foundation: Nine sets of wood posts set on concrete blocks, with the foundation open on all sides.
3. Walls: The exterior was first covered with six inch, cedar shiplap siding. Each shiplap board was deeply cupped at the top and fit snugly against the board above. While the wall material remains, the building has been covered for many years with lapped painted cedar shakes.
4. Structural system, framing: Wood frame in a series of panels with and without windows.
5. Porches: The original lean-to porches have been removed. An enclosed porch measuring 8' by 8' is located on the south (gable) end. The north (gable) end has no porch but retains a door centered on the wall. A covered porch is located on the east (front) elevation. It measures 12' 8" by 16' 6" and includes a closet. This porch, though present for many years, is probably a modification to the original building.
6. Chimneys: Location not known.

7. Openings:

Front door (36" wide) is located on the east side of the building. Single doors are on the north and south sides. A row of five units of nine-pane casement windows appear in the west elevation in the kitchen area. Others are distributed in the walls, throughout the building. All windows are screened with heavy wire mesh.

8. Roof:

The structure has a low, gable roof originally covered with cedar shingles but now reroofed with composition roofing. The eaves are open and without ornamentation.

C. Description of Interior

1. Floor plans: It is a one story building. Originally this building consisted of two, large bunk rooms and a central area for showers, sinks, and toilets. The interior spatial area has been modified with the removal of the showers and the reducing of the toilets and sinks to two each in the present bathroom. On the south end of the building is a small kitchen-dining area on the west with a Dark Room and storage room on the east side. A small closet houses a waterheater in the middle of the west side of the building. A large conference room-lounge occupies the former bunk room at the north end.

2. Stairways: None

3. Flooring: The original flooring was 1" x 4" T&G fir which has been covered with 5/8 " plywood subflooring. The kitchen has vinyl tile floors with the remainder of the building carpeted.

4. Wall and Ceiling finish: Walls are 1/2 " plywood which are now taped and texture painted. Ceilings have 3/8 " plywood with textured paint.

5. Openings: The interior is free of doors and windows except for doors for the toilet, Dark Room, and pantry.

6. Decorative trim: None

7. Hardware: Standard metal fittings.

8. Mechanical equipment: Building now has wall mounted electric heaters and fluorescent lighting fixtures attached to the ceiling. There is no record of the original lighting or heat system.

D. Site

The building is set at the edge of a service road and has coastal pine growing on the east and west sides. No out-building are associated with this building.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. There are no original drawings of the building.

B. Supplemental Materials:

1986 "The Resource Center, Building No. 1381, Angell Job Corps Center, Waldport, Oregon: A Historical Assessment" USA Research Report No. 3, Stephen Dow Beckham, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

With the approval of the Angell Civilian Conservation Center "Site Development Plan" and the construction of a new Education/Resource Building, the continued use and maintenance of Building No 1381 as a resource center or for other purposes is not reasonable. The Forest Service, wishing to properly care for this building which is eligible for the National Register, formed a interdisciplinary team to propose a satisfactory disposition for the building. The team prepared an Environmental Assessment and a Management Plan for the building.

Four alternative treatments were considered, with the alternative to move the building off the Center and change ownership being selected. It will be located within the city of Waldport about 3 1/2 miles north of its present site. The city of Waldport would assume ownership, and the Alsi Historical and Genealogical Society would lease the building from the city for use as a historical museum. The structure would be preserved at its new location.

Letters stating their intent have been received from Gary L. Pankey the Mayor of Waldport and Lloyd M. Palmer, Chairman, Museum Committee of the Alsi Historical & Genealogical Society. The Forest Service is willing to enter into an Memorandum of Agreement to allow this mitigation to proceed.

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